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Tophats deploy, support Germans

By Senior Airman J. Propst
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 310th Fighter Squadron Tophats deployed to Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., Thursday for two weeks in support of the German Fighter Weapons Instructor Course there.

The Tophats send five F-16s, 10 pilots and nearly 50 maintainers to provide “red air” or adversary support during the F-4 air-to-air dissimilar air combat tactics section of the course.

“It’s a good chance to work on some air-to-air skills that we don’t get a chance to work on very often here,” said Capt. Keith Kelly, 310th FS deployment project officer. “It’s also a good chance to integrate with the German pilots — see how they operate.”

The 310th hasn’t worked with the German Air Force in more than two years, Kelly said. Luke’s pilots won’t change their tactics but will have the opportunity to learn about the F-4 Phantom’s capabilities, he said.

In addition to flying against a different airframe, 310th FS pilots have the opportunity to fly different scenarios.

“For the pilots it’s a great chance to fly in some four vs. four scenarios. We really don’t get a chance to fly many of those missions at Luke because of our student training mission,” Kelly said.

“It’s an opportunity for the pilots to train their visual lookout skills,” said Lt. Col. Paul Smith, 310th FS commander. “The aircraft are challenging and give the pilots an opportunity to practice dissimilar aircraft training and hone their air-to-air skills.”



Senior Airman Shanna Jones

310th Fighter Squadron maintenance troops prepare F-16s for take off. The “Tophats” deployed to Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., Thursday to provide “red air” support for German F-4 pilots there.

Firefighters test rescue equipment

Hurst Jaws of Life power unit offers rescue advantages

By Staff Sgt.
Jeremy Clayton Tredway
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Luke Fire Department recently experienced cutting-edge technology as the test site for a line of Hurst rescue equipment.

Luke firefighters used a Hurst Jaws-of-Life electric-simultaneous-power unit to rip open six vehicles of different sizes and shapes to ensure it performs on any frame they come up against. Additionally, they traveled to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., and used the equipment on different types of airframes.

The power unit enables firefighters to run two tools simultaneously without loss of pressure or capability. This means they won’t have to take extra time switching tools during a rescue when time is critical. In addition, the unit is lighter than previous models, which makes it more mobile.

“Each tool should be able to operate independently and be able to obtain full pressure and flow at the same time,” according to the Hurst Jaws of Life Web site.

Luke firefighters also scrutinized the effectiveness of Hurst grabber jaws, entry tips and chain and shackle packages.



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Airman 1st Class Richard McGee, Luke firefighter, uses the Hurst Jaws of Life to rip open a vehicle outside the firehouse.

The entry tips were originally designed for aircraft skin applications and add flexibility in piercing, cutting and slitting of sheet metal, wallboard and other panel-type barriers.

The grabber jaws help firefighters get a grip on the situation by biting into the object being pulled, ripped or stripped from the vehicle.

The chain and shackle packages are used for pulling applications.

People from the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., oversee the test pro-

gram. They are the Air Force’s independent test agency responsible for testing systems being developed for Air Force and multi-service use under operationally realistic conditions.

Capt. Billy Lawson, AFOTEC Hurst products test director, said although the tests aren’t complete, the new equipment has performed fine during scenarios and test events.

AFOTEC releases a full report on the equipment in about 45 days to give Air Force consumers something to gauge the tools’ performance.

Navy updates Cole casualties

WASHINGTON — The remains of six sailors were recovered Tuesday from the USS Cole. Of those, two sailors were identified and their next of kin were notified.

These names have been added to the list of those killed. Until the other recovered bodies have been identified and their next of kin notified, they will be carried as missing.

Killed in the incident were:

Electronics Technician Chief Petty Officer Richard Costelow, 35, of Morrisville, Pa.

Signalman Seaman Apprentice Cherone Louis Gunn, 22, of Rex, Ga.

Seaman James Rodrick McDaniels, 19, of Norfolk, Va.

Electronics Warfare Technician Third Class Ronald Scott Owens, 24, of Vero Beach, Fla.

Seaman Apprentice Lakiba Nicole Palmer, 22, of San Diego

Electronics Warfare Technician Second Class Kevin Shawn Rux, 30, of Portland, N.D.

Operations Specialist Second Class Timothy Lamont Saunders, 32, Ringold, Va.

Ensign Andrew Triplett, 31, of Macon, Miss.

Seaman Apprentice Craig Bryan Wibberley, 19, of Williamsport, Md.

Eight sailors are still listed as missing. Additionally, of the injured, 28 have been released from the hospital in Portsmouth, Va. Five injured remain in the hospital in Portsmouth.

Another four returned to Norfolk Tuesday from Landstuhl Army Regional Medical Center in Germany and were admitted to the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. The remaining two injured are at Landstuhl.

Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professionals a chance to

answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

Who to call:	
Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	856-6149
Base exchange	935-4652
Civil engineer customer service	856-7231
Commissary	935-3821
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
Housing office	856-7643
Military pay	856-7028
MPF customer service	856-7874

Action Line

Comment: I'm concerned about the more frequent, louder and annoying music that is played at Luke. I called security forces and was told there's nothing they can do. One day someone parked in front of the hospital, played loud music and then drove off as I was going to tell them to turn it down. I think that should be prohibited and is contrary to good discipline. I think it's offensive and disrespectful. Most cities have rules against this and we should too.

Response: Thanks for your call. I too share your concern and can report security forces have learned both Arizona and Glendale have laws prohibiting loud and excessive noise from vehicles which they can enforce at Luke. In the future, security forces will respond when notified of these incidents. To make a complaint, call the security forces control center at 856-5970.



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Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training		
	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	1,645	39,376
Flying hours	2,213	51,687
Pilot graduates	15	1,001
MRA graduates	19	937

Luke people deployed:
AEF 7/8: 3 AEF 9/10: 66
Others: 28

National logistics conference

Officers trade information

By Capt. Randy Gilhart
61st Fighter Squadron

The Sonoran Chapter of the Logistics Officer Association at Luke is honored to host the 2000 National LOA Conference in Phoenix from Saturday to Wednesday.

This year's gathering of some 500 military logistics professionals come from aircraft maintenance, munitions maintenance, contracting, supply, logistics plans and transportation occupations that largely comprise the logistics career field.

The LOA draws its heritage from the former Maintenance Officer Association. It is a private organization made up of 1,200 active and retired military logisticians. Their purpose is to enhance the Air Force mission through promoting quality maintenance and logistics officers professional development and by providing an open forum for leadership, management and technical interchange. The LOA enhances the professional stature of the logistics officer and improves the overall logistics environment.

The theme of this year's conference is "Sustaining Combat Capability in the 21st Century." The event promises nearly 30 distinguished guest speakers representing the Air Force logistics community and the Defense Department's Defense Logistics Agency to include Gen. John Handy, Air Force vice chief of staff and former installations and logistics deputy chief of staff.

Handy delivers the keynote address Tuesday at the annual enlisted scholarship banquet. The cornerstone of the evening is the announcement of five \$2,000 scholarship recipients. As a measure of respect and gratitude to our professional enlisted force, each year our organization awards scholarships to deserving Air Force enlisted personnel.

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Col. Frank Bruno
56th Logistics Group commander

These scholarships are a great way to reward dedicated, hard-working airmen with a gesture to show them how important we think they are to the Air Force.

Distinguished guests like Gen. Lester Lyles, Air Force Material Command commander; Gen. John Jumper, Air Combat Command commander; Lt. Gen. Michael Zettler, U.S. Air Force Headquarters installations and logistics deputy chief of staff; and retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez take great pride in their association with the LOA and promise not to disappoint the group attending this year's event.

Luke is the perfect host for this year's conference as we are the world's largest fighter wing. Luke jets nearly equal Pacific Air Force fighters and exceed U.S. Air Forces in Europe's number of tactical aircraft assigned. With so many Luke aircraft, we represent a big percentage of Air Force and DOD spare parts and general logistics sustainment efforts.

We're simply one of their biggest and best customers.

The conference provides a rare opportunity to directly communicate with commanders and other senior leaders from our key air logistics centers and Defense Logistic Agency offices which support the F-16 weapons system.

Col. Frank Bruno, 56th Logistics Group commander, recently commented on the purpose of the LOA and on general preparations for the conference.

"I'm a staunch supporter of the LOA and its fundamental principles of sharing new ideas and concepts in the logistics arena while providing top quality mentoring of our young officers," Bruno said. "The way all of our key staff members and countless augmentees have come together to make this conference a reality makes me proud. I extend my personal thanks to all of them and to every base agency that's offered to help out. This event promises to be the best ever."

'No One Comes Close' says all

By Hyla Pearson
Air University Public Affairs

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. — In one way or another I have been associated with the Air Force for 40 years.

The first time was attending an air show at March Air Force Base, Calif., in 1961. That experience instilled in me a sense of pride for my U.S. Air Force.

Now, nearly 40 years later, I'm hearing disgruntled words from our sister services and Air Force personnel that the new Air Force slogan and commercials are giving the impression that "we" think we are better than everyone else. I can only speak for myself in saying that the new slogan, "America's Air Force — No One Comes Close," says it all.

My Air Force is superior in technology. No other Air Force in the world can say that. When the chips are down, the Air Force goes first. Air Mobility Command is

ready on a moment's notice to transport personnel and equipment anywhere in the world.

I get patriotic chills when I watch a C-130 take off or land. Why? It's because I know that my Air Force is working 24 hours a day protecting my family and home.

I asked my 23-year-old daughter what she thought of the new slogan. Her words hit the nail on the head.

"It's right on the money. The Air Force is the best in the world. We have the best technology," she said.

I also asked her if it sounds like "we" think we are better than the other services. Her answer didn't

surprise me. She told me that she didn't see it that way. The slogan to her talks Air Force.

"The U.S. Air Force is No. 1, and besides, without the Air Force, the other services would not

be able to get to their destination as fast as they can," she added.

My belief is that it's time the Air Force stands tall and tells the world we are No. 1! Enlisted, officer, civilian or family member, we are a team, fighting each and every day

to support and defend the U.S. Constitution. I take my patriotic hat off to the team that selected the slogan. Be proud! Stand tall! No one comes close!

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Lending a helping hand ...



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum

Staff Sgt. Eric Mullins and Master Sgt. Bob Cott help set up a Special Olympics event Saturday. More than 200 Luke volunteers helped at Special Olympic events throughout the Valley over the weekend.

Red Ribbon Week: Team Luke takes stand in fight against drugs

By Kristen M. Butler
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

U.S. President Bill Clinton proclaims and the 56th Fighter Wing commander supports National Red Ribbon Week Sunday through Oct. 28 to promote drug awareness, education and prevention activities.

The week-long observance is designed to educate and increase awareness about alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, violence and prevention efforts. The Air Force 2000 theme is "Lead by Example." During this time, Team Luke is asked to wear a ribbon or display it on desks, doors, car antennas, etc. In addition, military members may wear the ribbon while in uniform. According to the AETC supplement to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, the ribbon may be worn centered one-half inch above the nametag.

"There is hope in achieving a drug-free military force, and that hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug-free environment," said Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th FW commander. "All Thunderbolts may wear or display a red ribbon throughout the week to join the

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rest of the nation in promoting a drug-free America."

The red ribbon campaign originated in 1988 as a response to the torture and killing of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena by drug traffickers in 1985. To honor Camarena, his family and friends wore red ribbons. As his story spread across the country, others also began wearing ribbons.

Now, millions of Americans celebrate Red Ribbon Week each year to serve as a reminder of all the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty fighting the war on drugs, said Joan Leverenz, 56th FW Drug Demand Reduction program manager.

"The Red Ribbon has become the symbol to reduce the demand for drugs, just as the yellow ribbon symbolizes the safe return of our

troops during times of war," Leverenz said. "Display your ribbon and encourage others to do the same — it's a way to show our youth we care and we aren't going to stand by and watch our society be crippled by drug use."

During the week, the Luke Alliance Against Drugs has planned a num-

ber of activities. The alliance is made up of representatives from various Luke agencies, including the chapel, public affairs, security forces and the medical group; Luke School; the Arizona National Guard; and Mothers Against Driving Drunk. Beyond a poster and essay contest where entries are displayed on the third-floor atrium of the 56th Support Center Building throughout the week, Thunderbolts may also participate in the following activities:

Tuesday through Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: There is a display at the base exchange where videos may be viewed and red ribbons and pamphlets are distributed.

Thursday from 9:30 to 10 a.m.: Children's story time at the base library where "Hugs, not Drugs" bears are handed out.

Thunderbolt Instructor Pilot of the Week

Name: Maj. Sam "Hutch" Starkey, 56th Training Squadron air-to-ground academic instructor and 308th Fighter Squadron instructor pilot

Hometown: Webb City, Mo.

Years in service: 19

Family: Wife, Shari; sons, Bo, 12, and Jacob, 9; and daughter, Katie, 7

Education: Bachelor's degree in biology from Missouri Southern State University in Joplin; and a master's degree in public administration from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Previous assignments: Royal Air Force Alconbury, United Kingdom; Vance Air Force Base, Okla; Misawa Air Base, Japan; Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; and Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea

Goals: To use my Air Force experience and training to make an impact on young people after retirement.

Greatest feat: Scored 31 points against Emporia State University, Kan., as a point guard in college basketball. Commander's comments: "Day in and Day out Hutch is one of our best academic IPs," said Lt. Col. William Gonzalez, 56th TRS commander. "He is an outstanding instructor who takes an enormous amount of pride in teaching folks how to fly the F-16."



Starkey

News Briefs

AFA luncheon meeting

The Air Force Association Frank Luke Chapter has a luncheon meeting today at 11:30 a.m. at the enlisted club. Reservations are not required for the pay-as-you-go luncheon. For more information, call Harry Bailey at 846-7483

BX closure

The base exchange closes Sunday at 6 p.m. for a unit function.

Housing seminar

A housing seminar is Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the housing flight, Room 1046. For more information or to make reservations, call Irene Bateman at 856-3008.

MPF closure

The military personnel flight closes Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. for a 56th Mission Support Squadron commander's call. However, the MPF customer service area that issues identification and DEERS enrollment is open, but with minimal manning. For more information, call 856-7832 or 856-7876.

Combat arms range off limits

The combat arms range at Bldg. 909 and the grenade launcher training area at Luke auxiliary field are off limits due to live fire training. For more information about firing ranges, call Staff Sgt. Frank Bettencourt at 856-6678.

Official travel

Defense Department employees on official travel and needing airline tickets are required to use the commercial travel office in Bldg. 1150, Room 1122-A. DOD members who arrange travel through a noncontract travel office are not authorized to receive reimbursement on their travel voucher. SATO's hours are weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A stand-by person can be reached after-duty hours through the command post. For more information, visit CTO or call 856-7035.

Propane tank shipment

Shipment and storage of propane tanks, including purged tanks, in a military member's personal property household shipment is not authorized. Propane tanks must be disposed of before packing and no reimbursement is authorized. People can contact a propane dealer for proper disposal instructions. This safety regulation has been initiated as a result of recent fires and explosions in household goods shipments. For more information, call 856-6424.

Watering in base housing

Bermuda grass, the variety most prevalent at Luke, becomes dormant when evening temperatures dip below 80 degrees. Arizona places strict limits on the amount of water Luke can pump and use. By watering the lawn before 10 a.m. and after 5 p.m., timing showers, fixing leaking faucets and sweeping driveways rather than hosing them down, Luke can save water.

Anthrax briefings

Public health officials lead mandatory Anthrax briefings at October commanders calls. The brief educates and informs about the vaccine. For more information, call Capt. Liz Yogerst at 856-6174.

Special-duty positions

The 24th Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C., needs to fill 11 special-duty positions for senior airmen through technical sergeants. Selected airmen work with combat controllers and pararescuers. For more information, call Chief Master Sgt. Brian Dostanko at DSN 383-0153 or visit the Air Force Personnel Web site EQUAL Plus ads at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Luke Air Force Reserve vacancies

The Air Force Reserve 944th Fighter Wing at Luke has part-time vacancies in various career fields for personnel who are separating from the Air Force, eligible to re-enlist and within six months of their separation date. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pamela Pete at 856-7002.

Luke contracts air park refurbishing



Courtesy photo

I.D. Unlimited workers refurbish the F-84 Thunderstreak at the base air park.

By Capt. Jimmy Dobbs
56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

In an effort to spruce up Luke's war birds, contracted painters recently put the finishing touches on the F-84 Thunderbolt, T-6 Texan and F-100 Super Sabre at the base air park.

The 56th Fighter Wing awarded I.D. Unlimited a contract to paint nine aircraft at the park and one at Gila Bend Auxiliary Field.

Painting began in late August and continues through December.

"Contracting out this important job is a great idea. These historical aircraft did their best for America and we need to do our best to protect them for future generations," said Maj. Lorraine Souza, Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander.

In the past, 56th EMS fabrication flight painted the aircraft. This task included removing the aircraft from the park, transporting them to the squadron's paint

booths, painting the aircraft and then returning them to the air park.

"This contract allows my shop to focus on our primary objective of supporting the 56th FW in maintaining the fleet," said Master Sgt. Greg Cantor, aircraft structural element fabrication flight chief.

Aircraft painting, from its removal to its return, required four Air Force people for about eight days along with support personnel needed to move planes across the base. The contract allows 56th EMS people to focus on painting nearly 200 Luke F-16s and thousands of pieces of support equipment.

"This contract is terrific news. It is a classic example of outstanding teamwork on the part of several squadrons within the wing. All involved deserve kudos. The outsourcing of this function allows (56th) EMS troops to focus on the mission while an important piece of Luke's heritage continues to be preserved," said Lt. Col. Dewey Holmes, 56th Logistics Group deputy commander.

WAPS 2000

Air Force Personnel Center announces promotion testing cycles

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force Personnel Center recently announced testing windows for calendar year 2001. They are as follows:

Technical sergeant Feb. 1 to March 15
Master sergeant Feb. 1 to March 15
Staff sergeant April 1 to 30
Senior master sergeant Nov. 1 - 10, 2001; the evaluation board meets Feb. 5 to 23, 2002
Chief master sergeant Sept. 4 to 7
Rescheduling must be kept to an absolute minimum to ensure everyone can be tested within the testing window, AFPC officials said. Individuals who will depart on temporary duty during the testing window must test prior to their departure.

If an individual is going to be TDY from his or her base during the entire testing window, or is permanently changing stations, the individual will be tested up to 10 days prior to the publicized testing window if the test booklet is available. Individuals who cannot be tested prior to departure, or those who are given less than 10 days departure notification, will be tested as soon as possible unless they qualify for additional preparation time.

Members who decline testing when given the opportunity to test become ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the cycle.

"With the upcoming promotion testing cycles not far away, now is a good time to review test compromise issues," AFPC officials said. "Air Force members should be familiar with the violations that can lead to the compromise of a Weighted Airman Promotion System test. These regulations help guarantee that every enlisted member has the same opportunity as his or her peer to study, test and get promoted to the next rank."

The prohibitions below are the most common:

- Developing and using local study or training guides focusing on preparing for selection or promotion tests, or which use testable materials such as Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide, as reference material, are prohibited. Members may use commercial study guides, but their use is not recommended or supported by Air Force officials. Air Force funds cannot be used to purchase commercial study guides and commercial study guide software may not be placed on government computers.

- Air Force members may not engage in group study to improve test scores or aid in studying for a test. Group study includes discussing or sharing, in any form, information about actual test material or marked and highlighted testable material.

- Training, official or unofficial, formal or informal, concentrating on "teaching the test" is prohibited. Training may not focus on preparing for promotion; however, training programs for end-of-course tests or proficiency are authorized. Training that teaches general test-taking skill is also permitted.

- Developing and using lists of questions and answers, except those prepared and used exclusively by an individual, are prohibited.

- Government computers may not be used for creating, storing or transferring personal study notes. Also, commercial study guide software may not be placed on government computers.

"Air Force promotion tests are designed to measure an individual's knowledge and ability in a given area," officials said. "The individual's effort and initiative are significant factors measured by the test. Compromises lessen the effectiveness of tests as measurement tools and must be prevented."

Going for a loop ...



Lt. Col. Douglas Lefforge

The last six miles of the Agua Fria Freeway connecting Interstates 10 and 17 officially opened Saturday with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event was sponsored by the Arizona Department of Transportation. Activities included a "Parade of Progress" led by a horse-drawn carriage hosted by the City of Glendale. About 5,000 spectators participated with hundreds joining a 5K fun run, walk, bike and skateboard sprint.

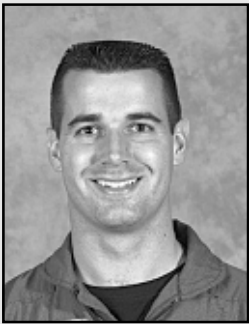
Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Capt. David "Rock" Bottomlee, 63rd Fighter Squadron flight commander and instructor pilot
Hometown: Birmingham, Ala.
Years in service: Seven
Family: Wife, Rebecca; and sons, Dakota, 6; and Tyler, 1
Education: Bachelor's degree in American government from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
Inspirations: Missionaries in foreign lands that give up America's comforts to make a positive impact
Greatest feat: Getting my beautiful high school sweetheart, Rebecca, to marry me
Goals: Be the best father I can be to my two sons ... I want to be their inspiration.

Famous last words: The Rock says, "If it's easy to accomplish, then it ain't worth doing."

Self description: A common Alabama boy who has been blessed in all endeavors
Commander's comments: "Rock Bottomlee is an outstanding leader and warrior in this wing," said Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander. "He displays both unassuming confidence and infectious enthusiasm as he trains the worlds' best fighter pilots and crew chiefs. He is a Thunderbolt dedicated to producing future leaders in our Air Force."



Bottomlee

Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: Tech. Sgt. Guy Wells, 56th Fighter Wing Protocol NCO in charge
Hometown: Avon, N.Y.
Years in service: 16
Family: Wife, Christy; and son, Cody, 5
Education: Associate's degree in information systems technology from the Community College of the Air Force
Inspirations: My wife, she keeps me grounded, motivates me and points me in the right direction.
Goals: Make master sergeant and finish my bachelor's degree in business management.
Greatest feat: Being married for almost 13 years and trying to raise my son to be a good person.
Self description: Hard worker, easy disposition, good husband and all-around nice guy

Famous last words: "I'll get to that next."
Commander's comments: "He's the "quiet giant" who carries the protocol load and makes sure our protocol functions are top notch," Sargeant said. "Because he's a communications expert, he makes sure all our functions run smoother than ever. Guy is a dynamite addition to our protocol team."



Wells

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Project Challenge teens learn about AF mission

By Tech. Sgt. B. Coors-Davidson
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 90 local Project Challenge teens came to Luke Oct. 12 to learn about the Air Force mission and to see how its people live and work.

Located at Williams Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona's Project Challenge is a 17-month program operated by the Arizona National Guard and offers selected 16 to 18 year olds the opportunity to achieve education and employment goals that might otherwise be unattainable.

While at Luke, the teens visited a dormitory, the flightline, end-of-runway facility and the community side of the base to learn about Luke's unique mission as the world's largest fighter training wing. They also ate lunch at the base dining facility.

"This is the second year for Luke's involvement with the Project Challenge program," said Master Sgt. John Schmeltz, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron first sergeant. "Luke people and project participants are involved in community service together at events like the Phoenix Veterans Day parade and that's how we came upon the idea of bringing them to the base as part of the project curriculum."

Project Challenge is designed for at-risk teens who have dropped out of high school but have developed aspirations to improve their lives.

"The program is a preventive rather than a remedial way to help develop discipline and responsibility," Schmeltz said.

The program begins with a five-month residential phase where students live in a military-style environment learning self-discipline, leadership and responsibility in combination with classroom instruction, community service, physical training and team activities.

Students complete a General Education Development certificate and may take college classes while studying for their certificate.

The second phase of Project Challenge is a 12-month mentoring program where community leaders and military members act as role models to nurture and



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus

Project Challenge participants form up Monday for orders. The program is sponsored by the Arizona National Guard and located at the Williams Gateway Airport, Mesa.

encourage students to attain their goals.

"Tours like the one at Luke help students with their career decisions and motivate those with an interest in the military lifestyle," said Don Smith, Project Challenge director of recruiting and marketing. "About 5 percent of our students enter the military and that number is on the rise. Also, we are now a tier one school so those completing the program and their GED have more opportunities than ever."

Project Challenge is a national program funded by

the Department of Defense. About 25 states have programs and all 50 states are expected to have programs by 2002.

Participants must be 16 to 18, drug free, not on probation or parole, never indicted, charged or convicted of any felony or capital offense, able to pass a military physical and willing to comply with all program rules including random drug testing.

For more information on Arizona's Project Challenge, call Smith at (480) 988-4100, Ext. 219.

Assignment list

AFPC releases newest EQUAL Nov. 7

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available enlisted assignments overseas arrives at military personnel flights and on the Air Force Personnel Center’s Web home page Nov. 7.

This list includes assignments for overseas jobs opening during the July through September time frame.

Personnel officials recommend as-

signment preferences be updated by Nov. 17 to ensure the information is in the computer system before actual assignments are released on or about Dec. 4.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force specialty code and rank, and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to match vacancies that need filling in a particular cycle.

Members should review, prioritize and list specifically those assignment options available to them on EQUAL.

Separate listings for assignments available at overseas locations as well as assignments available for those returning from overseas areas are published quarterly. Special-duty assignments appear on EQUAL-Plus and are updated weekly.

Military personnel flights and com-

mander support staffs will have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences.

People who are on temporary duty during the advertising period should call the military personnel flight at 856-7870 for assistance.

People can also access the list online at the AFPC home page. The Web address for AFPC is <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

Six WWII, Korean veterans receive medals

By Lt. Col. Douglas W. Lefforge
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Half a dozen World War II and Korean conflict heroes were honored Saturday during their medals presentation ceremony at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Phoenix.

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander and Congressman J.D. Hayworth presented medals ranging from the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Prisoner of War Medals to Good Conduct and Theater Campaign Medals.

Three soldiers, two sailors and an airman who fought in the European or Asiatic-Pacific Theaters during WWII or the Korean conflict received the medals. One recipient was honored with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medals, posthumously.

Vietnam War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Fred Ferguson assisted as the sergeant of arms during the ceremony.

"These brave and gallant men served their country with distinction," Hayworth said in his opening remarks. "It's a shame that they and their families have had to wait over half a century to receive the awards that these men earned by distinguishing themselves in battle."

Burrell Shaw served with the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was shot down over Berlin during a bombing raid and captured in May 1944 where he remained a prisoner of war for more than a year. Shaw received the Bronze Star, POW and Theater of Operations Campaign medals.



Senior Airman Shanna Jones
Bronze Star Medal recipient Eric Hanson (right) shows Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander (center), and Medal of Honor recipient Fred Ferguson the medals he earned during WWII.

Eric Hanson served with the infantry during WWII.

"I saw and heard enough bullets whiz over my head in France to last me a lifetime," said 80-year-old Hanson. Hanson received the Bronze Star, Good Conduct and Theater of Operations Campaign medals.

At the age of 7, Hanson and his family emigrated from Norway in 1927. They

entered the United States through Ellis Island, N.Y. Some 15 years later, he answered the call to arms and returned to what once was his home continent.

Sgt. Ralph James received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Good Conduct and Theater of Operation Campaign medals, posthumously.

"Wounds of war affect different people differently," Hayworth said. "For years,

his wife disavowed (James') passing and refused to accept her husband's death."

Nevertheless, through persistence and patriotism, James' daughter, Sherrin Hicks, and her family were compelled to have their father's deeds recognized. James died May 23, 1945, of wounds received in battle at Okinawa, Japan.

Billy Pennington served in the Air Force in Korea during the Korean conflict. He received the Good Conduct and Theater of Operations Campaign medals.

John Sokol served with the Navy in the Pacific during WWII and the subsequent occupation of Japan. He was presented his Theater of Operations Campaign medals.

Beal Colvin served in the Navy during WWII and participated in the Asiatic-Pacific campaigns. For his contributions, Colvin received his Theater of Operation Campaign medals.

"We need to give thanks to all those who can't be here today because they paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom," Ferguson said.

"It is indeed inspiring and gratifying to have these men as our role models," Sargeant said. "These are the men who are examples of honor and sacrifice — we can only hope more young Americans will emulate their example if and when their country calls them.

"And, if you just look at the past 72 hours with the sailors near Yemen — who paid the ultimate sacrifice — I will tell you we are not done issuing the call (to arms)," Sargeant said referring to the bombing of the USS Cole. "Your example as American heroes will serve this country well, long into the future."

Korean War ace flies with 63rd FS Panthers

Vet spends three days with Luke Thunderbolts

By Deborah Davis
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Korean War jet ace who serves as a pilot mentor to the 56th Fighter Wing reacquainted himself with the skies Oct. 13 as he received an orientation flight aboard a 63rd Fighter Squadron F-16.

Retired Col. Ralph Gibson, better known as “Hoot”, spent three days with Luke’s pilots relating experiences about shooting down planes and flying with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team.

“The base offered the flight as a thank you to Hoot for sharing his experiences and challenges as a pilot,” said Maj. Franz Plescha, 63rd FS instructor pilot. “Hoot has flown about every pre-F-16 aircraft including the F-86, F-100, F-4, P-47 and the P-51.”

Hoot shot down five MiG-15s in the Korean War and led the Thunderbirds from 1961 to 1962. He is also an original member of the Wolf Pack, which was based in Thailand and flew missions over Vietnam during the war.

Although Hoot is a veteran flyer, advanced technology such as the heads-up display has transformed jets.

“Jets today also sustain a higher rate of speed while pulling G’s (the gravitational pull),” Gibson said. “Today’s pilots have to be able to withstand those G’s for a longer period of time.”

Hoot enjoys volunteering his time to mentor pilots and anticipates making future visits to the wing.

“It’s exciting for me to hear stories from younger pilots about the challenges they face,” Gibson said. “I appreciate the opportunity to fly in the Viper after all these years.”



Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus
Capt. David Bottomlee (right), 63rd Fighter Squadron instructor pilot, goes over flight plans with retired Col. Ralph Gibson before his orientation flight.

WWII heritage

Former ‘Thunderbird’ pilots visit Team Luke

By Staff Sgt. Jeremy Clayton Tredway
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A group of civilian pilots who trained military cadets during World War II reunited for a tour of their old stomping grounds Oct. 12 and 13 at the Thunderbird School of International Management.

The “Thunderbird” pilots journeyed from across the United States and Britain to see their old hangar and tower, which still stands at the school of international management.

Thunderbird was just one of four pilot training bases, including Falcon Field and Sky Harbor International Airport, financed by Hollywood agent and producer Leland Hayward and test pilot John Connelly to help the nation prepare for war.

The government-certified civilian pilot training center, Southwest Airways, started in 1940 with 10 employees, but quickly grew into the largest Army Air Forces pilot training center in the United States. By 1945, the company employed more than 2,000 people and graduated more than 25,000 cadets from 29 countries.

The group also stopped by Luke for a tour of the base that took over training the finest fighter pilots in the world.

“As I talked to the Thunderbirds, I found there are many parallels between what they accomplished in the 1940s and the 56th Fighter Wing mission,” said Lt. Col. Michael Barton, 308th Fighter Squadron commander and Thunderbirds tour host. “The Thunderbirds chose the Valley for their WWII training bases because it offered ideal training conditions including great flying weather, plenty of flat land in a sparsely populated area, accommodating civic and business leaders and friendly residents — the same conditions that make the Valley a great place to train F-16 pilots today.”

During the tour, the Thunderbirds visited a fighter squadron, viewed an F-16 and stopped at the end of the



Mary Jo May
Master Sgt. Tomas Fredricks, 308th Fighter Squadron first sergeant, discusses Luke’s flying mission with members of the reunion group during the Luke flightline tour.

runway to watch the Fighting Falcons in action.

“I really enjoyed the reunion, seeing my old roommate James Montgomery, visiting Luke and seeing how much things have changed in Phoenix since 1941,” said retired Lt. Col. Russell Powell, who flew the AT-6 Texan out of Thunderbird in 1941.

Powell added he and other members of his group are concerned with how much development there is around Luke. He said the field was nothing but flat.

“It was an honor to meet and escort this group on a base visit,” said Mary Jo May, 56th Fighter Wing public affairs community relations chief. “These people have such a strong love for flying, a love for their country and they are proud of the role they played during a time when our country needed them most.”

May added that although their numbers are dwindling, “their spirit is inextinguishable.”

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Staff Sgt. Aaron Marcus
Tracy Kornet, television station KNXV's "Sonoran Living" program producer, interviews Senior Master Sgt. Paul Shows, propulsion flight superintendent, for her program.

TV producer visits Luke

By 1st Lt.
Miki Kristina Krejcarek
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A local television personality experienced a day in the life of a fighter pilot Oct. 13 when she flew in an F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft for a media orientation flight.

Tracy Kornet, host and producer of television station KNXV's "Sonoran Living" program, dressed up in pilot attire to capture the day's events for her show about Luke heroes. The show is expected to air around Veteran's Day.

"I was so excited," Kornet said of the day's activities. "I didn't realize so much training was involved with one mission on an F-16,

and I realized that this was serious."

Kornet experienced preflight activities which included a medical evaluation by a flight surgeon, egress training and preflight mission briefing.

"Our objectives were to pull nine G's (gravitational forces), exceed the speed of sound and overall, enjoy the F-16 ride," said Maj. Franz Plescha, 63rd Fighter Squadron instructor pilot.

The 90-minute flight consisted of flying maneuvers over Sedona and the Grand Canyon, areas that Kornet visited for the first time.

After pulling 8.2 G's and experiencing twists and rolls, Kornet said she was very impressed with the capabilities of the compact fighter aircraft.

Air Force establishes new combat rescue specialty

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Recognizing the importance of rescue and recovery operations, the Air Force has added a new specialty, combat rescue officer, to its list of career fields.

In the new specialty, 13DXA, officers lead and command personnel recovery operations and provide expertise to command and battle staff units.

Combat rescue officers will also perform as direct combatants, and conduct rescue and recovery operations and advise in survival, evasion, resistance, and escape.

"By creating this new career field, we recognize how vital the personnel recovery and combat rescue missions have become in our expeditionary aerospace force concept," said Air Force Secretary Whit Peters. "The ability to bring our people home safely from dangerous missions is paramount.

"Establishing a career field devoted to that mission will ensure that attention is always focused on this commitment," Peters said.

The Air Force recognizes personnel recovery as one of its primary roles

and this new specialty is essential to effectively lead and advocate the PR mission area.

The initial cadre will consist of four active-duty officers, according to PR officials.

Two of the officers will be stationed at Headquarters Air Force and at Air Combat Command to function as the respective Air Force and major command career field and functional managers. The other officers will be assigned to the rescue squadron selected to first implement this new program.

The cadre will then expand to include 15 active-duty officers serving in combat rescue squadrons and headquarters units. By 2007, the specialty will consist of more than 160 officers throughout the active duty, Guard and Reserve force.

Qualification will be accomplished through formal training and in the unit as the combat rescue officers gain experience and knowledge of the current challenges in the personnel recovery functional area.

"By creating this new career field, we recognize how vital the personnel recovery and combat rescue missions have become ... "

Whit Peters
Air Force Secretary

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Oktoberfest

Team Luke celebrates with German music, dance, cuisine, drinks

By Deborah Davis
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Team Luke's annual Oktoberfest Oct. 13 at Fowler Park offered fun for the entire family and drew a crowd of approximately 2,500 people.

"This year's Oktoberfest was a great success due to sponsorship and those who helped organize the event," said Brian Fritzler, 56th Services Squadron, assistant community center director. "More people showed than expected."

The sponsorship enabled children to enjoy a free Kidz Zone and activities such as pony rides, train rides, a climbing wall, a 22-foot slide and a jumping castle. Face painting and a goldfish tossing game were also included in the children's activities.

"The children really enjoyed the Kidz Zone and left us to our food and drinks in front of the band," said Lt. Col. Douglas Lefforge, 56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs chief.

Polka music provided by the Prosit band encouraged people to dance.

"The chicken dance is still as embarrassing as I had remembered," Lefforge said.

German cuisine, music and beer gardens gave the celebration a German flare.

The food sales included bratwurst with sauerkraut, potato salad, coleslaw and hot dogs. Snacks such as popcorn and cotton candy were also available along with soda and a variety of German and American beers.

"This was the first Oktoberfest held outdoors, enabling the setup of beer gardens which are areas featuring picnic tables for the purpose of beer sales," said Ken Agenbroad, 56th SVS, marketing director.

The 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron encouraged people to act responsibly when drinking by providing a DUI prevention booth.

Five volunteers from EMS used their personal vehicles or golf carts to ensure that military members arrived home safely.

"This was the first time a DUI prevention booth was offered at a Luke event where alcohol was served," said Staff Sgt. Natalie Brockman, 56th EMS. "We plan on doing it again for future events."

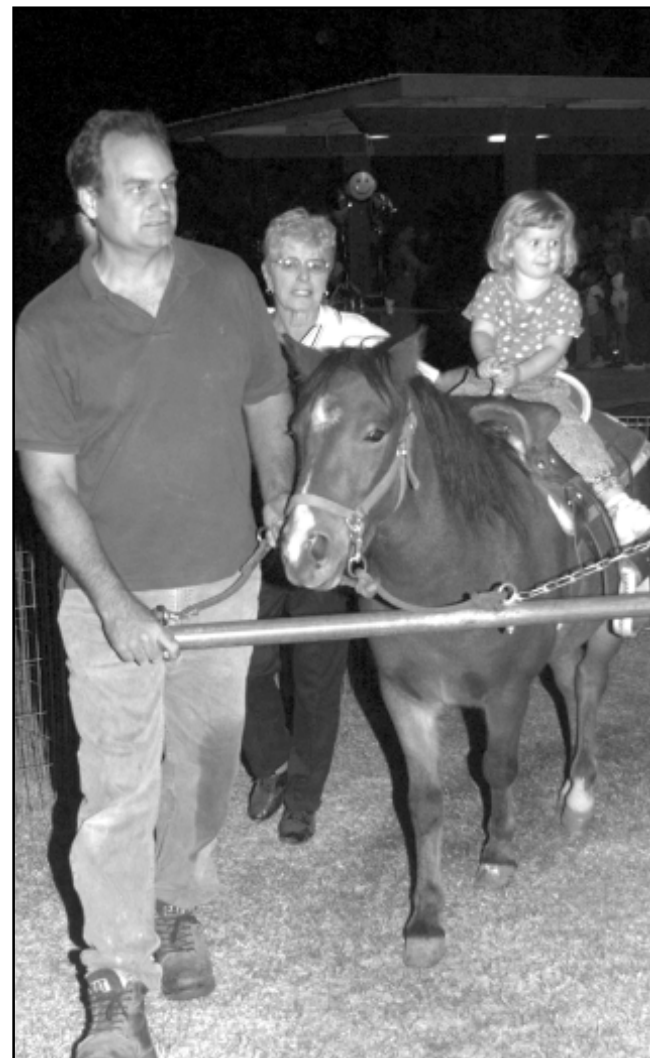
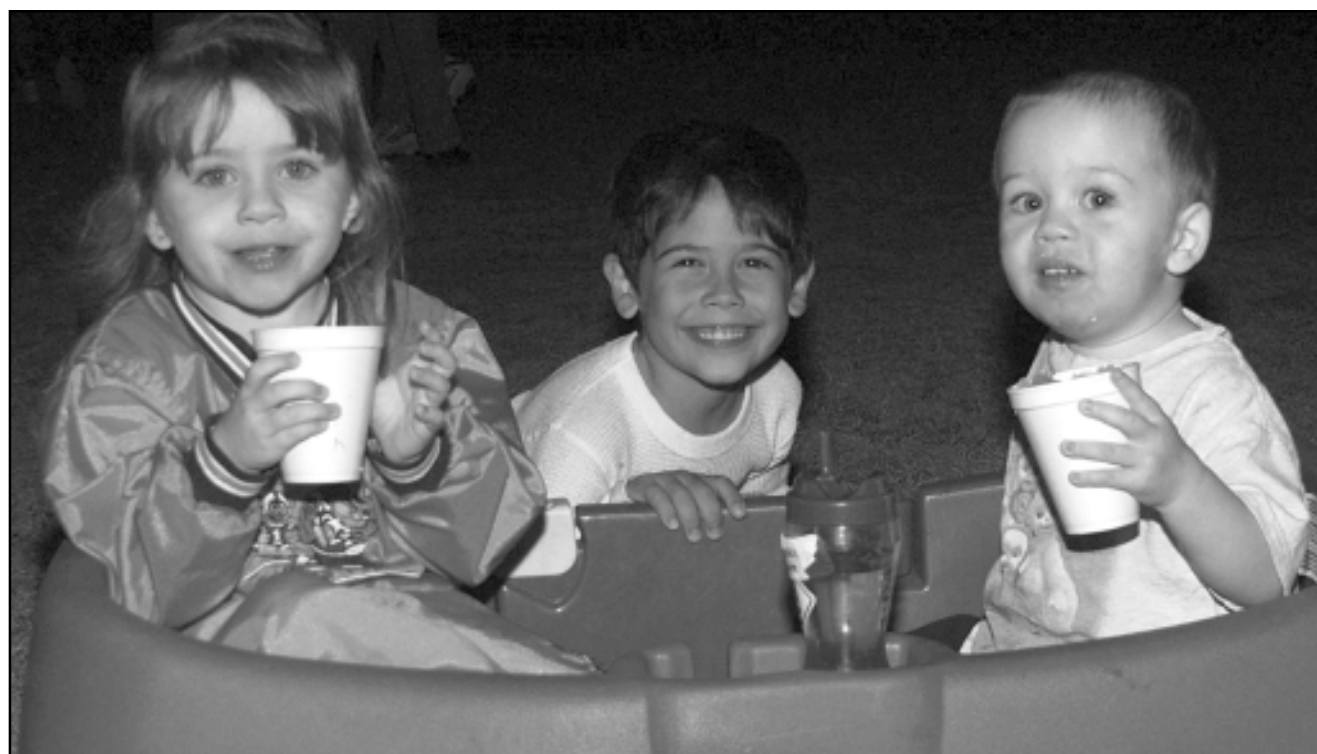


Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Davis

A Team Luke couple dance the night away to German music provided by the band, "Prosit."



(Right) Prosit plays traditional German music Oct. 13 at Fowler Park. (Below) Rachel, Jeffrey and Alex Light enjoy beverages at the weekend festival.



John Lester leads Sarah Bressler on a pony ride as her Grandma Rosie supervises.

Information, Tickets and Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours is in the community center. Dillards Box Office and Ticketmaster are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday. Tickets for a variety of community events are available. For more information, call 856-6000.

Tours

A trip to the Riverside Casino, Laughlin, Nev., leaves Sunday at 6 a.m. and returns at about 10 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and includes round trip transportation, champagne brunch or dinner buffet and casino coupons. Participants must be 21 or older. Photo identification is required.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1.25; adults pay \$2.50.



Today and Saturday

“Hollow Man” (R)
Stars Kevin Bacon and Elisabeth Shue. A team of scientists is assigned to a secret government research project to experiment with invisibility. When they find that one of their formulas works on animals, Dr. Sebastian Caine, played by Bacon, violates the rules of the project and tries it on himself. It works, and he becomes invisible. Soon after, the team finds the

formula is irreversible. He suspects his colleagues of sabotaging him, making him invisible forever, and decides to seek revenge. (105 minutes)



Sunday

“Bring it On” (PG-13)
Stars Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku, Gabrielle Union, Jesse Bradford and Natina Reed. Dunset plays Torrance Shipman, a cheerleader trying to lead her school to victory in the national cheerleading championships for the sixth year in a row. As team captain of the San Diego Toros, she must show her team how to beat out their rival squad, the Clovers. The Clovers struggle to raise enough money to make it to the

competition while Torrance finds out that her team’s cheers are not original. (100 minutes)



Oct. 27

“Kings of Comedy” (R)
Stars Bernie Mac, Cedric the Entertainer, D.L. Hughley and Steve Harvey. This documentary was filmed at the Charlotte, N.C. Coliseum. Spike Lee captures the spirit of the “Kings of Comedy” tour, focusing on stand-up geniuses Harvey, Cedric The Entertainer, Hughley and Mac. The tour began in 1997 and has since grown in scope and popularity to its present status as one of the highest-grossing and most highly lauded black comedy shows. (115 minutes)

USPS advises mailing early

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Most people have good intentions when selecting and sending gifts, but good intentions go only so far if packages arrive too late or are delivered damaged.

To assist people in sending gifts out on time, Military Postal Service Agency experts publish deadlines each year to get cards and packages in the mail early.

To ensure cards and packages arrive at their destination by Christmas, experts recommend the following guidelines.

- ♦ Packages going to military APO and FPO addresses sent standard mail must be shipped by Nov. 6.
- ♦ Space-available mail must be sent by Nov. 27.
- ♦ Parcel airlift mail must be sent by Dec. 4.
- ♦ First class letters and cards and packages sent by priority mail should be mailed by Dec. 11 to ensure on-time delivery.

SAM packages are first transported domestically by surface and then overseas by air on a space-available basis. SAM parcels must be less than 15 pounds and no more than 60 inches in length and girth combined.

PAL service is space-available air transportation for parcels up to 30 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined.

Different fees apply for standard mail, SAM, PAL and priority mail.

Packaging can affect whether or not a gift arrives unscathed. Follow these U.S. Postal Service guidelines:

- ♦ Outer wrapping: If a box itself is adequate for mailing, don't use wrapping paper. If

wrapping paper is necessary, paper as strong as a regular large grocery bag is recommended.

- ♦ Cushioning: Cushioning is important to absorb and distribute shock, pressure and vibration. Cushion each item above, below and on all sides.

Examples of cushioning include plastic popcorn, corrugated cardboard and shredded newspapers. Slightly overfill the mailing container with cushioning material to minimize settling and shifting.

- ♦ Several items, fragile items: When several items are packaged together, they should be protected from one another as well as from external force. The items can be individually wrapped in paper or foam and boxed separately. The boxes can then be placed in the external container and again cushioned on all sides.
- ♦ Packing tape: Nylon strapping tape is best. Cellophane and masking tapes aren't strong enough and should not be used in mailing.
- ♦ Address: Each package must show a complete delivery address on the container or on a label attached to the container. A return address must be placed in the upper left corner of the container or the label.

Postal experts recommend placing the names and addresses of the sender and recipient and a description of the contents inside the box as well. This can aid in delivery if the address on the outside of the container should become unreadable or the package is damaged.

Markings from all previous mailings should be removed.

For complete information on the Military Postal Service Agency, visit their Web site at <http://www.hqda.army.mil/mpsa/about.html>.

Name that bird ...



Airman 1st Class Julie Simmons

Luke's Fighting Falcon mascot gets the name "Freedom" after an exhaustive effort to find the perfect name. Freedom represents Team Luke's people and mission during base activities and local events.

Breast Cancer Awareness MDG stresses detection

The 56th Medical Group promotes Breast Care Awareness Month with an information booth today at the base exchange.

Breast cancer is the leading cancer diagnosed in women in America.

This year, more than 175,000 women will be diagnosed with the disease and more than 43,000 women will lose their lives. However, when breast cancer is detected early and treated promptly, suffering and ultimately loss of life can be significantly reduced.

Women are encouraged to ask their doctors and other health care providers about mammography screening.

Mammography is the single most effective method to detect breast changes that may indicate cancer, long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt.

Early detection, followed by up-to-date treatment, provides women with the best chance of survival.

For most women, mammography screening should begin at age 40.

As risk factors vary in everyone, each patient and their doctor should determine the exact frequency of screening.

In addition to the use of mammography, health care providers should perform a clinical breast examination as part of routine health care.

Also, monthly self-examination alerts a woman to any breast changes that signal the need to visit a doctor.

Luke's diagnostic imaging department offers a variety of breast imaging services including screening mammography, breast ultrasound and stereotactic needle core biopsy which provides distinct advantages over traditional surgical intervention.

The stereotactic procedure is performed on an outpatient basis using a needle instead of a surgical incision. The procedure is done with local anesthetic and there is a shorter recovery time required following the biopsy.

The stereotactic unit uses a needle with precision computer to take a biopsy for testing.

As an indicator of consumer quality, the diagnostic imaging department recently received annual reaccreditation from the Food and Drug Administration with no discrepancies, the highest rating awarded to military or civilian facilities.

For more information on breast care, call the hospital customer service center at 856-9100 or e-mail 56mdgcustomer.service@luke.af.mil. *(Courtesy of 56th MDG)*



Salutes

Quarterly award winners

56th Logistics Group
The following 56th Logistics Group people are the squadron's quarterly award winners:
Company grade officer:
Capt. Steven Collen
Senior NCO:
Senior Master Sgt. Darryl Hamilton
NCO: Staff Sgt. Kevin Koren
Airman:
Airman 1st Class Kristin Pelzer
Civilian, GS-7 and above:
Alan Zero
Civilian, GS-6 and below:
Dennis Lowry
Civilian, wage grade:
Walter Healis

21st Fighter Squadron
The following 21st Fighter Squadron people are the squadron's quarterly award winners:
Field grade officer:
Maj. Laurence Bostrom
Company grade officer:
Capt. Douglas Demaio
Instructor pilot:
Capt. Brian Elliot
Senior NCO:
Master Sgt. Antonio Sanchez
NCO: Staff Sgt. John Tinker
Airman:
Airman 1st Class Brian Ramirez
Weapons technician:
Staff Sgt. John Tinker
Specialist, airman:
Airman 1st Class Elliot Roldan

Specialist, NCO:
Staff Sgt. Timothy Tingle
Sortie support: Senior Airman John McCallick
Crew chiefs:
Staff Sergeants Dean Klein and Michael Martinez and Senior Airman Shawn Bowman
Weapons load crew:
Staff Sgt. Joseph Faust and Senior Airmen James Tankersley and Clifton Gregory

56th Civil Engineer Squadron
The following 56th Civil Engineer Squadron people are the squadron's quarterly award winners:
Company grade officer:
2nd Lt. Matthew Bender
Senior NCO:
Master Sgt. Anthony Michels
NCO: Staff Sgt. Daryl Steck
Airman:
Senior Airman Brian Jolly
Civilian, GS-7 and above:
Valerie Monthie
Civilian, GS-6 and below:
Scott Hanson
Civilian, wage grade:
Jessie Schroeder

56th Training Squadron
The following 56th Training Squadron people are the squadron's quarterly award winners:
Instructor pilot:
Maj. Kenneth Lacy
Field grade officer:
Maj. Sam Starkey
Company grade officer:
Capt. Kelly Alton
NCO: John MacDonald
Civilian: Richard Lund

Around Base

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has a new volunteer orientation class Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. For more information, call 856-7823.

PIR volunteers

The Red Cross seeks 30 volunteers to assist handicapped people Nov. 2 through 4 at Phoenix International Raceway. Volunteers work a five-hour morning or afternoon shift. For more information, call 856-7823.

Chapel events

♦ There is a free outdoor concert featuring contemporary Christian music Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. at Fowler Park. Please bring blankets or chairs.

♦ There is an anniversary gospel service celebrating 27 years of service Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel. The Luke and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz., choirs are featured. A free catered dinner follows in the chapel annex.

♦ As an alternative to Halloween, the Luke Community Chapel has Hallelujah Night with fun, food and games Oct. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. No costumes please.

For more information on these and other chapel programs, call 856-6211.

Home educators meeting

There is a home educators meeting with potluck dinner and family games today at 6 p.m. at the Luke library. For more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Eric Fenton at 856-6211.



Airman 1st Class Shanna Jones
Lillian Caswell, first-place winner in the multicrafts and pattern art category, works on a ceramic Christmas tree at the skills development center.

Haunted house volunteers

The youth center seeks volunteers to be actors or escorts for a haunted house and Trick or Treat Street Oct. 27. For more information, call 856-7470.

Weight management

The health and wellness center has an orientation today at 9 a.m. for an eight-week weight management program. For more information, call 1st Lt. Deborah Robinson at 856-3778.

Cooking demonstration

The health and wellness center has an Italian cooking demonstration

Oct. 27 at noon. For more information, call 856-3778.

Rio Salado College

Registration for Rio Salado's Fall II term is underway. Academic advisors are available by appointment each Monday through Thursday. Placement testing for reading, math and English is each Wednesday at 9 a.m. and Thursday at 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, take a placement test or for more information, call 856-3239.

Marine Division reunion

The Arizona Chapter of the 2nd Marine Division has a fall gathering

Artist craftsmen contest winners enter AETC level

The skills development center award winners in the annual artist craftsman contest represent Luke in the AETC level competition. First-place winners are:
Fine art: "Marilyn" by Andrew Ricket
Textile art: "Red Quilt" by Judith Stipe
Industrial art: "Hall Mirror" by William Solan
Multicrafts and pattern art: "Winnie" by Lillian Caswell
Youth fine art: "Free Spirit" by Katie O'Connell
Youth multicrafts and pattern art: "Puppy" by Diana Jenkins

today at 11:30 a.m. at Sahuaro Ranch Park at Mountain View Road and 59th Avenue. The cost is \$8.50 per person. For reservations, call 977-2570.

Hawaiian vacation

Outdoor recreation has a Hawaiian vacation adventure from Dec. 4 to 13. The cost is \$1,000 per person and includes round trip transportation from Luke, meals, nine days lodging at the Kileau military camp, a scenic island tour, wilderness hike, snorkling, deep-sea fishing and a submarine tour.

A \$100 deposit is required and final payment is due Nov. 2. For more information, call 856-9334 or 856-6267.

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Military teams compete in Wilderness Challenge

By Rich Lamance
Army and Air Force Hometown News Service

FAYETTEVILLE, W.Va. (AFPN) — When Christina Hruska and her teammates converged on one of the nation's most pristine whitewater rafting areas, nestled along the rugged New River Gorge National River in southeastern West Virginia, they had no idea what was ahead.

The newly commissioned second lieutenant and her teammates, along with 38 other five-person teams representing each branch of the service, faced steep hills, swift rapids and rocky terrain during the first-ever military Wilderness Challenge 2000 Oct. 6 and 7.

The competition, sponsored by the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department in Norfolk, Va., pitted military teams in a six-mile forced hike, a 40-mile mountain bike relay, a 14-mile whitewater raft race and a 5.5 mile run.

Each team consisted of five active duty members, with at least one female per team.

"This competition was a complete surprise," explained Hruska, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., awaiting pilot training. Hruska was a member of the Air Force Pentagon team. "My team had very little information about the events, making everything extremely exciting."

The event was designed to promote outdoor recreation and give service members a physical challenge and a sense of competition, according to Michael Bond, Wilderness Challenge coordinator.

Three Air Force teams competed in the inaugural event, representing F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.; Langley Air Force Base, Va.; and Air Force Headquarters, at the Pentagon.

In addition to overall winners, each service also had a winning team.

For the Air Force, first place honors went to the team from the 90th Space Wing at F.E. Warren, who placed 17th overall.

"We started the competition with a 6.2 mile forced march that took us through some of the

most treacherous mountain terrain I've dealt with in my life," said James Jordan, a command and control senior controller with the 90th SW. "The 10-mile mountain bike race was the easiest event, although we drudged through the mud ranging from 2 inches to 2 feet deep. The most enjoyable part about this event was getting dirty and showing all the other services that we aren't the ones just sitting behind a desk," added Jordan.

Teammate Chance Miller agreed.

"The bike race was awesome — splashing through the mud, jumping over obstacles, huffing, puffing, screaming and yelling and pushing ourselves to the limit — we had a great time."

For Russell Fellers, a program manager with Headquarters Air Force, the whitewater rafting event was the highlight of the competition.

"It was the first time I had ever whitewater rafted, and we had an excellent guide, Eve, to get us through the rough spots and make the trip fun."

For Lisa Sanchez and her F.E. Warren teammates, riding the rapids was a bit more stressful.

"We passed two teams who had been ahead of us, then we crashed into the rocks and lost two people."

Staff Sgt. Lisa Sanchez
F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo.

"We passed two teams who had been ahead of us, then we crashed into the rocks and lost two people," she said. We recovered, then passed the teams again and gained momentum. Team work paid off."

With more than six months advance notice from Navy MWR officials, most teams went into overdrive to prepare for the physically challenging events.

"We mixed weightlifting, quick-paced distance runs, weekly eight-mile runs with off road biking all around the Hampton Roads area to produce a solid training regimen," explained Hugh St. Martin, a member of the Air Combat Command Communications Group at Langley.

For the top Air Force team from F.E. Warren, training was more of a concentrated effort.

"Our training took the form of six-day weeks for two weeks," said Clifford Backman, the 90th Service Squadron's first sergeant and the team's coach. "We started each morning at 6 a.m. with



Staff Sgt. Keith Brown

Team members from the Air Combat Command Communications Group at Langley Air Force Base, Va., trek up a steep hill during a 6.2-mile march to kick off the inaugural Wilderness Challenge 2000 competition near the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia.

stretching, push-ups and sit-ups. We would then take a rigorous 15-mile bike ride through the Cheyenne area and end up in a four-wheel drive area and tear up the hills and splash through the mud.

"Other days we would swim laps in the pool to build cardio, and we practiced rafting in area lakes," he said.

"We worked on our paddling techniques and built up our muscles for the whitewater trip. We ran as a team for several miles each day to work on our pace."

The rugged West Virginia location was chosen by Navy MWR officials because it had become a favorite of Navy families over the last decade for MWR-sponsored whitewater rafting trips.

According to Bond, a Norfolk-based MWR official and the Wilderness Challenge coordinator, next year's competition should be more than twice as large with at least 100 teams projected.

Rugby

U.S. Army captures armed forces championship



Courtesy photo

The Navy runs hard Oct. 13 as they take the third-place victory, 36-14, over the Marine Corps.

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Friday the 13th turned out to be a "lucky" day for the Army rugby team, as they conquered Air Force 38-12, winning the first Armed Forces Rugby Championship, at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.

The games between the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard were played over a three-day tournament which began Oct. 11.

"It was an outstanding job all around and everybody played hard," said Don Sheehan, Navy head coach. "It was good armed forces rugby. Comraderie was on the field between the services. I'm sure we'll win next year."

The Navy and Marine Corps squared off on the field Oct. 13. The Navy pushed the Corps hard and won third place with a score of 36-14.

"The Navy did a great job hosting the championship," said Bobby Linder, Army player. "We're from all over the world and it's good to come together as a team.

It's just good competition."

In past years, the teams played under the Interterritorial Tournament, which was not funded by the Department of Defense. Each player was required to pay his own way and had to take leave if not authorized a permissive temporary-duty assignment.

Unfortunately, this eliminated players from the games if they couldn't afford the cost.

"Since 1985, the guys have had to pay out of their own pocket, taking leave or going TDY," said Army player Mike Legg. "It was a great tournament. Pensacola is a great place to play the tournament and this is the first year it was funded. The Army was able to bring out their best players and it showed."

Rugby is a warrior sport. These guys have played five games in three days and you can see the effort they put out up and down the field said Mike Stephenson, Army head coach.

"My hat's off to the Army. They made us play hard and they played off our mistakes," said Larry Grant, Air Force head coach. "It's been a great tournament. All five teams have improved over these past three days."

Sports shorts

Bike ride

Outdoor recreation sponsors a Blue Streak Bike Ride Sunday. Participants can choose either a 10-mile family fun ride, 50-mile ride or 62-mile ride. For more information, call 856-9334.

Wrestling

The Desert Star Enlisted Club has World Wrestling Federation “No Mercy” pay-per-view Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Sports field maintenance

The base football and softball fields are closed for overseeding and maintenance. People are asked to

stay off the fields until further notice.

Sports council meeting

There is a sports council meeting Thursday at 10 a.m. at the base library. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Paul Stone at 856-6241.

Varsity volleyball tryouts

The varsity volleyball team has tryouts Saturday and Oct. 28 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, call Gary Pierce at 322-3119.

Falcon Dunes rules

Active-duty members may make tee-time reservations seven days in advance and retirees and Defense Department civilians five days in advance. Steel spikes and cut-off shorts are not permitted. A collared

shirt is required.

Hunting, fishing licenses

Beginning Dec. 31, outdoor recreation no longer sells hunting and fishing licenses. For more information on where to purchase licenses, call 856-9334.

Aerobic center hours

The aerobic and Nautilus center at the health and wellness center is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 856-3247.

Bowling specials

Colorama, bowling for cash prizes, is Saturdays at 6 p.m. at Luke Lanes. Bowl three games for \$10.

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